



Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen

August 10, 1945 - January 21, 2025

Evelyn Bartenhagen, 79, of Omaha, passed away on January 21, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Marguerite (Mazie) Dufrene. She is survived by her husband, Carl; son Michael (Jen) Bartenhagen of Greenwood, NE; daughter Katherine (Dave) Merkley of Waterloo, NE; six grandchildren: Allison (Jeffery), Cassidy (Bayten), Broc, Jake, Zach, and Andrew; two great-grandchildren: Collins and Tatum; and brother Nathan (Pam) Dufrene of Luling, LA.

Evelyn was born in Thibodaux, Louisiana, in 1945. She found the love of her life when Carl moved from Iowa to Cajun country, and the two met while working at Monsanto. They married in 1966, and after some time in St. Louis and Des Moines, they settled in Omaha, Nebraska in 1977, making it their forever home.

Evelyn's love of learning and children inspired her to return to college at the University of Nebraska, where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. She went on to work at Westside Church, where she passionately led the preschool ministry, organizing a team to nurture and teach children from birth through age six. Her dedication to her faith also extended far beyond her local community. Evelyn played a vital role in launching mission efforts in Ecuador that have helped build over 17 houses in the region. Additionally, she worked alongside others to start new churches in Omaha,

leaving a lasting impact on her community and beyond.

Over the years, Evelyn celebrated the joys of raising children, welcoming grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and making countless memories with friends through church and community endeavors. Evelyn's warmth, determination, and devotion to her family and faith were evident in all she did. Evelyn's unwavering patience and humor was perhaps best reflected in her 59-year marriage to Carl, a union that stood as a testament to enduring love and commitment. Together, they built a beautiful life full of family, friendship, and dedication to others. She leaves behind a family that will cherish her memory and countless people who were touched by her kindness, generosity, and unwavering spirit. Evelyn's life was a blessing, and her legacy will live on in the lives of those she loved and served.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 AM Saturday, Feb 1 at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, 21901 West Maple Road. Visitation with the family will be from 10-11AM before the service and at a lunch to follow. Private inurnment at Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for later designation

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
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Celebration of Life Service

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A lunch reception will be held immediately following the service

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - January 29, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.*



February 01, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.*

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“ As a young boy growing up in Des Allemands, I didn't really pay much attention to my sister, Evelyn, who was ten years older than me. She was busy doing whatever teens did back in the fifties and sixties. As we got older in life, our relationship grew closer as sister and brother. I watched her date Carl, then get married. I became an uncle at 12 when she and Carl brought Mike into the world. Then, she and Carl's little family moved to the mid-west and had Katherine. Our bond started growing deeper as we visited through the years and our children grew up knowing one another. Evelyn loved shrimp po-boys so much that she had to stop at Kenner Seafood on her way from the airport before she and Carl made it to our house. I hope there's a seafood place in Heaven. My memories of you, Carl, Mike and Katherine will live in my heart forever. I miss you already and love you so very much. Your little brother, Nathan



Nathan Dufrene - January 31, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.

January 31, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.



January 25, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ Ivan & Eduardo Holeman purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.



Ivan & Eduardo Holeman - January 25, 2025 at 06:33 PM

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“ Ivan & Eduardo Holeman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.

Ivan & Eduardo Holeman - January 25, 2025 at 06:33 PM

TD

“ The Dalton's purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen.



The Dalton's - January 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM

CP

“ Cynthia And Dean Perrer lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Theresa Bartenhagen



Cynthia and Dean Perrer - January 25, 2025 at 01:43 PM

CP

Evelyn and I were dear friends. My memories I had with Evelyn will last a lifetime. Cynthia Bailly Perrerr.

Cynthia and Dean Perrerr - January 25, 2025 at 01:59 PM

BL

Evelyn and Carl were caring supporters of education and wonderful people. Mike and Kathy were great kids at Morton Elementary. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you to the Bartenhagen family for touching my life.

Bob Lykike

Bob Lykke - January 26, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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We are thinking of all of you at this time of grief. We wish we could be there to celebrate Evelyn's life with you. I'm sure Nathan has lots of precious memories of his big sister. Sending our love and prayers.

Nathan & Pam

David, Kayleigh, Brian, Darlene, Cody & Ashley, and Bailey all send their condolences as well as family and friends. We will miss you, Evelyn. Please give our families our love.

Nathan and Pam Dufrene - January 31, 2025 at 08:18 PM